

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
HUMAN SOURCES COMMITTEE

HSC-M-033

14 February 1975

Minutes of the Thirty-Third Meeting, 5 February 1975

Members or Representatives Present

Acting Chairman	- Lt. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson	
CIA	[REDACTED]	25X1
State	- Mr. John B. Thro (M)	[REDACTED]
DIA		25X1
NSA		[REDACTED]
Treasury	- Mr. David Laux (M)	
Army	- Brig. Gen. Eugene Kelley	
Navy	- Mr. C. J. Oleniacz (A)	
Air Force	- Col. Robert L. Ventres (M)	
ERDA	- Mr. Robert E. Upchurch (M)	

Others Present

Air Force	- Mr. John J. Porasky (A)	
Air Force	- Capt. William Muller	
Navy	- LCDR E. A. Brookes (A)	
Army	- Mr. Alfred S. Burnett (A)	
NSA		[REDACTED]
State		25X1
CIA		[REDACTED]
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IC Staff		[REDACTED]
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DIA		[REDACTED]

1. The Minutes of the thirty-second meeting (HSC-M-032) were approved.

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2. The Committee continued its discussions of responsibilities and procedures under Project FOCUS, referring to the revised version of the proposed Procedures paper earlier circulated to Members under HSC-C-117. Mr. Thro (State) briefly explained certain changes he proposed, and [redacted] (DIA) requested the addition of a sentence ensuring that the final drafts of the Chairman letters will be made available to HSC Members for possible reference to their USIB Principals before being provided to Mr. Colby for his signature and transmittal to the Ambassadors. The Chairman stated that these suggestions would be considered and that a final draft of the Procedures paper would be circulated to Members for their telephone concurrence. (This subsequently was done; see HSC-ESG-026, 14 February 1975.) General Wilson commented that he has the agreement of Mr. Carver (D/DCI/NIO) regarding the FOCUS steps that will be followed and that are specified in the Procedures paper. When HSC Member concurrences are recorded, the General will personally distribute the Procedures paper to the National Intelligence Officers.

3. The current status of particular FOCUS assessments was mentioned, and [redacted] advised that a seminar [redacted] held by NIO [redacted] on 18 February. This is the first FOCUS exercise that involves considerable reporting from collection facilities against both in-country targets and targets located in other countries. As several Members stressed, this is a much more complex situation than some of the earlier studies, and care

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and brought to the attention of appropriate officials. General Wilson assured the Committee that he is sensitive to this problem, and he indicated that the matter would be considered in some detail and brought again to the attention of the Committee. Finally, the Chairman stressed that as we proceed with these FOCUS exercises everything possible should be done to improve related human source collection and reporting. If necessary and appropriate, particular FOCUS assessment reports will be placed on the HSC agenda to allow full Committee discussion.

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4. The Committee next turned to consideration of the draft HSC Action Program for calendar year 1975. Prior to the meeting, Members had received under HSC-C-115 a revised version of the Program, incorporating suggestions made by Members during the HSC meeting on 5 February, plus written recommendations subsequently forwarded to the Secretariat. The Executive Steering Group (ESG) then convened on 11 February and made a considerable number of recommended changes; the draft Program with these changes highlighted was circulated at the HSC meeting. At the invitation of the Chairman,

[redacted] spent some time discussing the Program and explaining the rationale for the ESG modifications. During the ensuing discussion, certain additional changes were made. General Wilson announced that a "cleaned-up" version of the Program would be sent to Members and that he would like Members to be prepared to provide final comments and/or concurrence at the next Committee meeting. (Subsequently, the Action Program was circulated under HSC-C-120.)

5. The Chairman commented briefly on several matters of interest to the Committee. Regarding the Interagency Group on Exchanges (IGE), he mentioned that consideration of IGE committee status had been postponed until after certain policy considerations were discussed by the National Security Council Intelligence Committee. General Wilson also alerted the Members that the HSC could expect to be further involved in the near future with human source matters related to the Key Intelligence Questions, the Strategy Reports, and the Evaluation Process.

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6. After the regular meeting, the Chairman convened a portion of the Committee in Executive Session to discuss very briefly the proposed special HSC subelement. [redacted] the IC Staff was asked to draft detailed terms of reference for review by the interested Members.

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Executive Secretary